

Maybe the reason Lacy put her shoes on in the song was she forgot to paint her toenails and looked around Hope and felt positively undressed.

For the best five-sentence punch in the telegraph wires this year I nominate Associated Press' item of last Thursday.

St. Louis, Mo. — City Coroner Patrick Taylor was questioning a witness at a murder inquest.

"Where were you when the first shot was fired?" he asked.

"Down at the end of the bar," the man replied.

"Where were you when the second shot was fired?"

"What second shot?"

Little Rock reporters made a whole lot of a story out of the return home yesterday of a party of capital city zoo men with four alligators they captured in Grassy lake, private hunting preserve west of Hope.

"Florida's swamps have nothing on Arkansas when it comes to alligators," runs the Arkansas Democrat story, and recites that the four alligators measured: Nine and one-half feet for the grown male, nine feet for the female, and a couple of youngsters, three feet and one foot long, respectively.

You get used to Easterners expressing incredulity about there being alligators anywhere except in Florida, but perhaps the other sections of Arkansas aren't as well posted on our southern section as they might be.

Alligators are pretty common across the southern counties. I found that out immediately after going to the Dodge in 1923, there being many lakes east of that city cut out from the Ouachita river.

Probably the best alligator specimens are here in our own country. Certainly the Barker at the alligator farm in Hot Springs has told hundreds of thousands of out-of-staters that the 17-footer "is from Red Lake, in Hempstead county, Arkansas." And certainly the zoo men know the facts, for the experts from the snake house at the St. Louis zoo have been coming down to Grassy lake for years — and now the men from the Little Rock zoo.

One of my prized kodachrome pictures is a telephoto shot I made of a 15-footer basking in Grassy lake, who exploded into action an instant after the shutter clicked. Thrown on a picture screen he at first looks like a half-sunken log moving with comparative ease.

We chased 15 alligators, used up half a day, to get that one picture. For Little Rock was at flood, the lake was high, and a boat could move with comparative ease.

It's a fascinating scene, I don't give a darn about hunting, but I think Grassy lake is one of the zoological wonderlands of America.

Enlargement of Armory Discussed

Last night at the Chamber of Commerce office a small group representing many city organizations discussed possibilities of enlarging along with Arkansas National Guard's proposal that the city enlarge an armory which the state will build so it can be used as a fire house.

The group discussed several plans for financing such a project and finally decided to feel out "the people" on the proposal.

Monday's Star a form will be prepared which will be distributed to all city organizations.

Proposals and tentative plans. Citizens of Hope are asked to fill out this form and return to the Chamber of Commerce office.

Last night the group suggested making the new building large enough to house a basketball court, dressing rooms and showers, a lounge, and seating capacity for 3000.

4 Alligators Captured in Red, Grassy

Guided by the Toner boys of Fulton officials of the Little Rock City zoo spent two days on Hempstead Lake this week and snared four alligators were placed in their new home at Little Rock yesterday.

Heading the party was zoo director Raymond Gray. They visited Red and Grassy lakes capturing two nine-foot alligators and two smaller, one three and one-half feet long and the other little more than a foot.

Parks and Recreation superintendent W. K. Almo and his two assistants, Vance Thompson and Raymond Sones accompanied the group.

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## State Council of Minnesota Approves Bonds

St. Paul, Minn., July 23 —(P)—Members of the Minnesota state executive council apparently think the purchase of \$4,208,000 of Arkansas highway bonds was a good investment.

The council yesterday declined to act on Gov. Luther Youngdahl's demand that the council order the dismissal of Charles Foster's secretary of the state investment board.

Governor Youngdahl brought the issue up at a special meeting of the council. He said Foster acted improperly in using state funds to buy the Arkansas bonds.

The governor charged at the meeting that records of the investment board were "tampered with and falsified and that a secret deal was made to purchase these bonds."

He asked for a motion to dismiss Foster but other members of the council refused to act.

Governor Youngdahl was asked if he intended to bring criminal action but he replied that he had no intention of pursuing that course.

He announced, however, that he would name an advisory committee to investigate the state's investment board.

Members of the committee will include investment experts, business men and others interested in financing matters.

He said he would ask the committee to report on procedures the state has followed in buying securities.

Ark. Labor Front Breaks Even

This has been an action-packed week for organized labor in Arkansas. It won one dispute and suffered a reversal in litigation.

Two major strikes involving CIO unions were averted—one through negotiation of a new contract that provided for a wage increase. The other dispute is being negotiated.

An AFL union official was held in contempt of court and given what labor apparently regards as a stiff penalty because it plans to go to bat for the officials.

Meanwhile, striking employees of the Pierce-Williams basket factor in Jonesboro kept up picketing. The dispute is now in its 67th day.

The men and women workers want a 20 per cent wage increase and other concessions. They are affiliated with the AFL.

This is the only active strike in Arkansas at the moment.

Some 400 employees of the Roof petroleum refinery in El Dorado won a wage boost amounting to a net nine cents per hour this week, effective Aug. 1. The workers, members of the CIO oil workers union had voted to strike unless they received more pay. Their present hourly wage scale ranges from \$1.04 to \$1.38.

The dispute between Reynolds Metals and the CIO Steel workers union has been resolved until July 25. Steel Labor Commissioner Kelton said. If the sides don't reach an agreement in three days, a strike of some employees at Jones Mill, Bauxite and Benton appears likely.

A federal mediator had reported some progress accomplished in talks, but major points haven't yet been discussed.

Call said he hopes that a state conciliation service may be set-up to help negotiate labor-management disputes because there is a "definite need" for such an agency in Arkansas. At present, the labor commissioner may sit in on negotiations only by invitation from both sides.

Call fears that there will be more disputes in the future in Arkansas because of the "downward slide in the economic scale."

A court fight involving the AFL on one side and the state on the other is drawing to a close as the result of a chancery court judge in Fayetteville holding Joe Folson, Fort Smith AFL union business agent, in contempt of court.

Folson was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in jail for issuing instructions to union hold carriers to ignore a no-picketing order issued by Chancery John K. Butt.

Folson admitted issuing the instructions, but said he had no intention of violating the court order.

Earlier, Judge Butt had fined and sentenced to jail six union men for picketing a construction project at Fayetteville, in violation of his order.

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## Housing Group Approves Blytheville

Blytheville, July 23 —(P)—The public housing administration has approved Blytheville's low cost housing program under terms of the nation's new housing bill.

This was announced yesterday by FHA Director J. Mel Brooks who said the project, expected to cost more than \$500,000, call for construction of 84 housing units of one, two and three bedrooms.

He is James V. Hunt, a former lieutenant colonel whose alleged activities as an influence salesman formed off the present investigation by the senate's super-investigating subcommittee.

His name was in the diary of the subcommittee's inquiry.

According to reports, Hunt has been ill off and since the investigation began, and it is not known if he will be well enough to testify when the subcommittee begins public hearings in about 10 days.

His wife told newsmen who tried to contact him at his home that Hunt is under a doctor's care and too ill to talk on the telephone.

Meanwhile, the senate subcommittee urged government agencies which possess photostatic copies of Hunt's diary to guard against any further leak of its contents.

The existence of the diary came to light yesterday. The loose-leaf volume reportedly contains a detailed account of all of Hunt's contacts with government officials.

Senate investigators whom Hunt voluntarily gave the diary some time ago, revealed that, among others, it contained the names of the two army generals who were suspended from duty because of the alleged connections with the "influence industry."

They were Maj. Gen. Alden H. Wall, chief of the chemical corps, and Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman, the quartermaster general.

McMath Tells Indianapolis About Arkansas

Indianapolis, July 23 —(P)—Arkansas is not a spot where the people lounge around while columned vendors sip mint juleps, but it is a place stirring with a new progressive movement now sweeping the south.

Gov. Sid McMath of Arkansas made this statement here last night in an address before the Indiana Young Democrats.

McMath said the group that people above the Mason-Dixon line seldom hear of the south "except when the sheeted hoodlums of the Ku Klux Klan make their cowardly assault against some defenseless victim or when the Dixiecrats shout 'states rights' as an objection to anything which for any reason they oppose and they oppose almost anything."

He predicted that southern states which now have a poll tax "will abolish the matter of their own violation."

The old style southern demagogue who thrived on hate and fear is definitely on his way out," McMath added.

Magnolia Given Nod to Increase Oil Production

Magnolia, July 23 —(P)—Three requests for increase in production allowances have been approved by the Arkansas Oil and Gas commission.

The commission, meeting here yesterday, rescinded a previous order placing a 15 per cent reduction in allowances, and approved increases for the following:

Cotton Valley wells in Magnolia field—from 46 to 70 barrels a day per well.

Haynesville extension—from 26 to 33 barrels a day.

McKean-Patton field—increase of 3,700 barrels a day for the pool.

In granting the increase for the fields, the commission said that the previous order was made to prevent accumulation of oil stocks above ground. However, the commission said that since the cutback went into effect June 21 there had been no oil storage above ground and operators have been able to market all their "stock."

Commission Chairman O. C. Bailey predicted the July production would hit the 1,813,715 barrel mark. He said controlled fields in the state produced 1,739,644 barrels of oil last month, about a 13 per cent drop over production during May.

SHOCK RECORDED

New York, July 23 —(P)—A sharp earthquake shock, centered at estimated 710 miles from New York city was recorded today on the Fordham university seismograph.

The Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, university seismologist, said the first shock was recorded at 4:12:08 a. m. (EST), and the second at 4:11:23 a. m.

The direction was undetermined.

## Woolworth Heiress Ill



Princess Barbara Hutton Troubetzkoy, the Woolworth heiress, has been reported seriously ill. Her attorney told a "Boston Mass." court she was a semi-invalid and weighed less than 85 pounds. Here, she takes a sunbath at the Lido in Venice, Italy.

## Against McClellan's Plan to Earmark ERP Funds to Buy U. S. Farm Surpluses

Washington, July 23 —(P)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) came out today against a proposal to earmark about \$1,500,000,000 in European recovery funds to buy American farm surpluses.

Taft, who heads the senate Republican policy committee, told a reporter he is opposed to the committee-approved amendment to the \$3,778,000,000 economic cooperation administration money bill.

The amendment, sponsored by Senator McClellan (D-Ark) also would require the army to buy about \$500,000,000 in surplus farm products, freezing these and the ECA funds against being used for any other purposes.

ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman has contended the rigid surplus buying requirement on his agency would hamstring operations and force foreign countries to take cotton and other commodities they may not want.

Taft said he thought the amendment is "unwise."

"I don't think we ought to be enacting a farm relief program in this bill," Taft said.

The Ohio senator added, however, that he is likely to support in next week's senate debate on the measure two other amendments proposed by Hoffman.

He will resume discussion of the bill Monday. Senator Lister Hill, the Democratic leader, said he hopes for a vote Tuesday.

Taft said he may back an amendment sponsored by Senator McCarran (D-Nev) which would tie up \$50,000,000 in ECA funds for loans to Spain.

"I'm in favor of a loan to Spain, but I am not certain this is the way to do it," the Ohio senator said. "I'll have to know more about it but I may vote for it."

He will support, Taft said, a committee-approved amendment cutting \$74,000,000 off ECA's spending program for last April, May and June.

Resident of Blevins Succumbs

Mrs. Ethel Wade Honea, aged 51, a long-time resident of Blevins, died at her home late yesterday.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. H. Honea, a son, Raymond, of Blevins, five brothers, J. H. Wade of Arkadelphia, A. H. Wade, of Little Rock, W. U. and Lester Wade of Blevins, two sisters, Mrs. George W. Mayfield of El Dorado and Mrs. V. P. Sage of Glenwood.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday at Marlbrook church, near Blevins.

## Getting So Americans Just Won't Have Anything Unless It Has 3 Built-in Features

By HAL BOYLE

New York —(P)—This is the built-in age.

Nobody any longer wants anything unless it is also guaranteed to have at least a couple of other features built into it.

This goes for practically everything from brassieres to bookcases.

From three-color ice cream to elegant boxes that play "Toccata" when opened, if it is not built-in, it is not wanted.

Doesn't have that built-in thing extra, it's strictly "twenty-three skidoo." Even the pigeons turn up their beaks at popcorn to buy unless it contains three kinds of built-in vitamins.

"Think I'm kidding? Well, over in Glasgow they've just developed a blouse with built-in perfume.

Makes a girl smell sweet in any flavor she wants for months and months.

But this international craze to build something into something else probably has reached its true flower in the motor car and house.

An automobile used to be a vehicle to get you from here to there. But now cars are gradually taking the place of the old-fashioned home. You can shave in them, listen to a concert, smoke, carry on a long distance telephone conversation with Paris, or push a button and slice your mother-in-law in half with an automatic sliding window. About the only thing you can't do in them is play a lute.

Take what happened to the simple lawn. It used to be a straight-forward instrument for gathering dust out of odd corners. Then they turned it into a carpet sweeper.

Then a developed into the vacuum cleaner. And what won't it do now? It'll paint walls, wax floors, dry the baby, maintain the furniture and shampoo your rug or your dog or your wife.

In another year it'll serve needs: fight potholes, attack pot-smokers, snakes, and play you gin rummy for keeps.

Furniture has become so complicated by built-in gadgets that you can't even tell its function from an outside look. Soon we'll have to hang an index on each piece to know all it is capable of.

You'll have to approach it by each case from brassiers to bookcases.

As it is now I always have a moment of fear when a host asks me to pull open the door of a new cabinet in his living room. I never know whether the thing will dump a sack of laundry on the floor, flip an X-ray picture of my lungs, spray me with martinis, roll out into a sofa bed or just show another television wrestling match from Chicago.

Yes, it's all confused. Try to dial a telephone and somebody comes out and says, "Are we living in a built-in war, or dwell in a built-in peace?"

Don't go in there, pal. I barely got out alive. If I'd put in a quarter, the thing would probably have married me, moved into my apartment and set up housekeeping.

There is only one way to end the built-in age. That's to develop a sense with some built-in common sense. Who really wants a furniture pen that will write letters, brush his teeth, take his passport photo, sort for fifty cents extra, flip three knife blades and a bottle opener at the end?

## Churchill Blasts Labor Government

Wolverhampton, Eng., July 23 —(P)—Winston Churchill asserted today that the British labor government has led Britain into imminent peril of communism and national bankruptcy.

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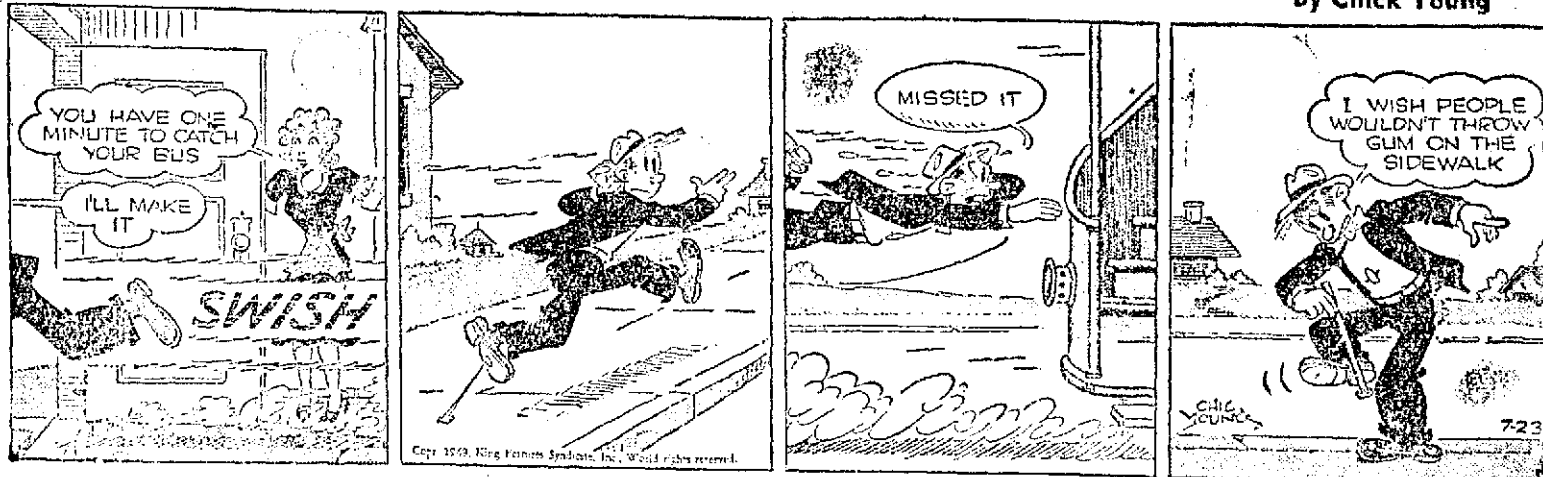






## BLONDIE

By Chick Young



## OZARK IKE

By Ray Galt



## SIDE GLANCES

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## CARNIVAL

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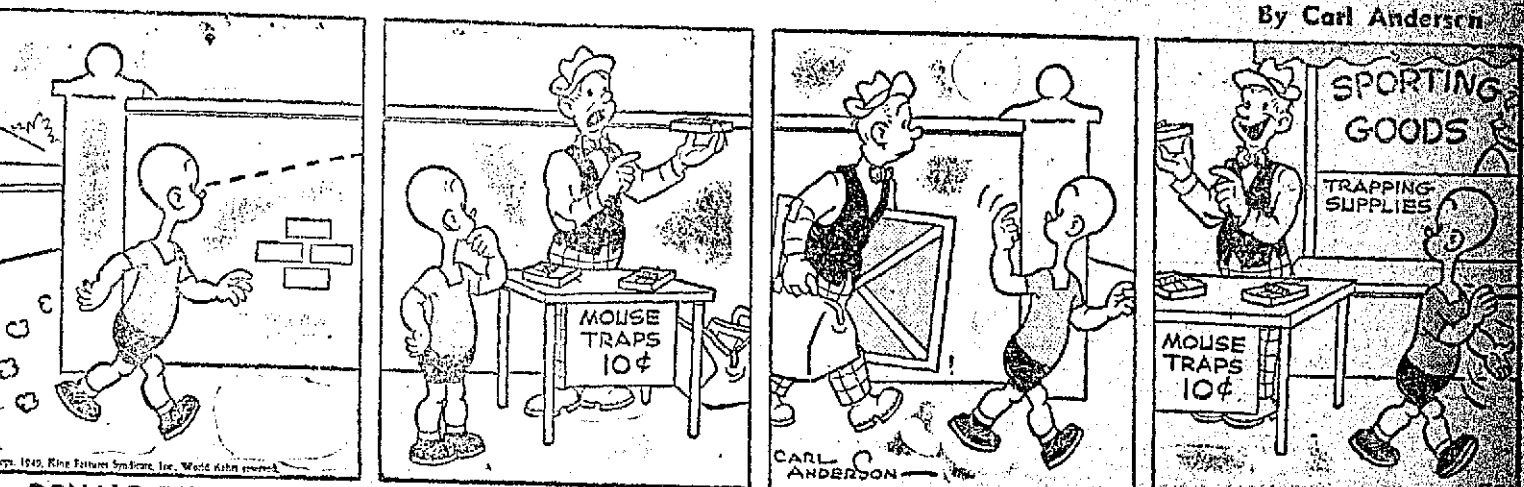
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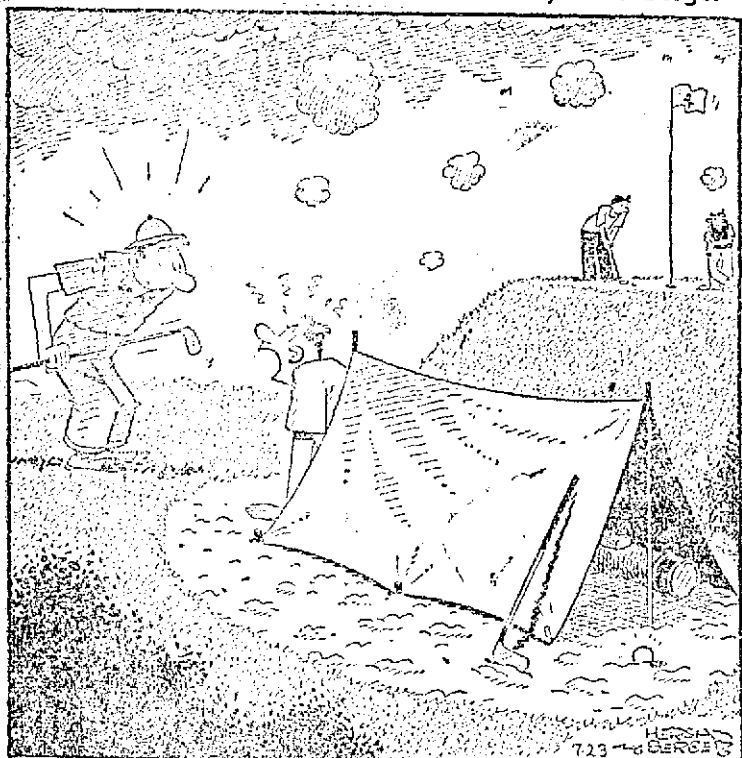
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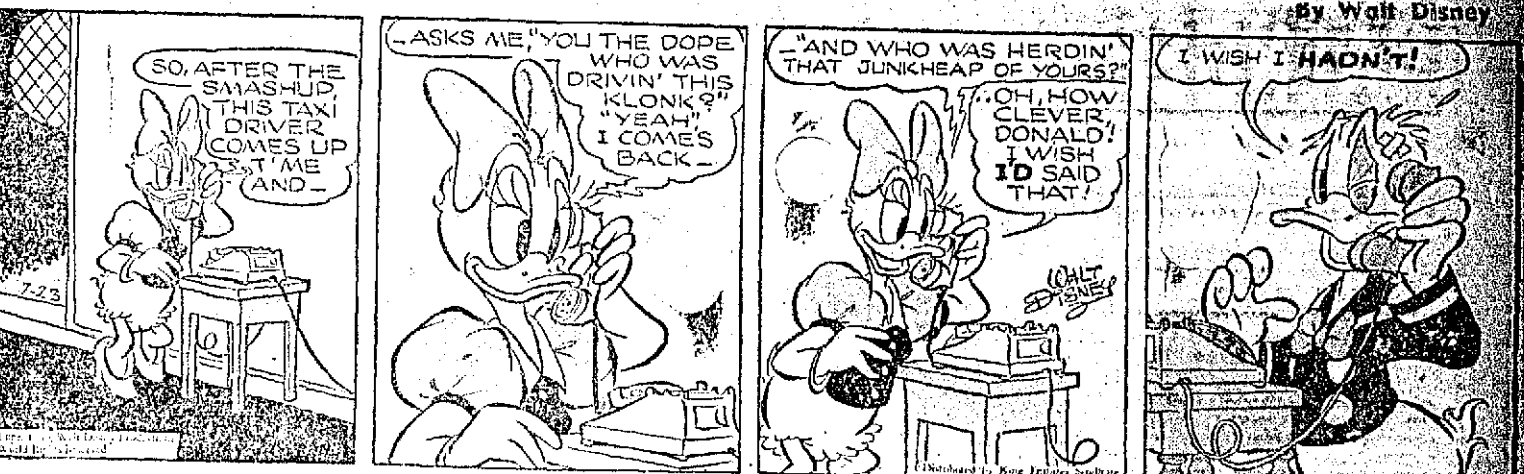
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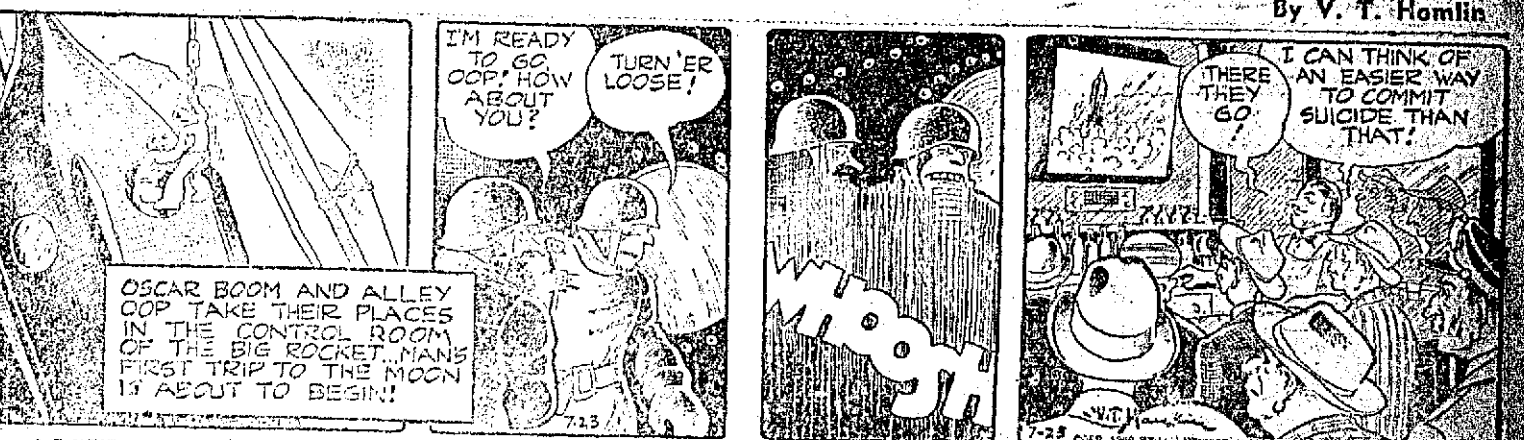
## DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



## ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Homlin



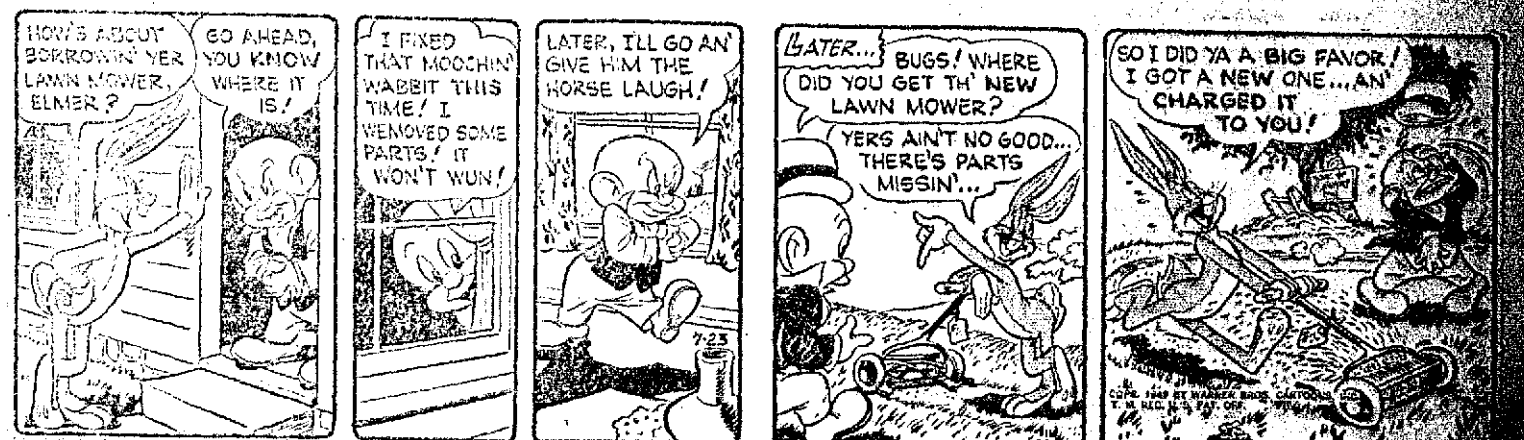
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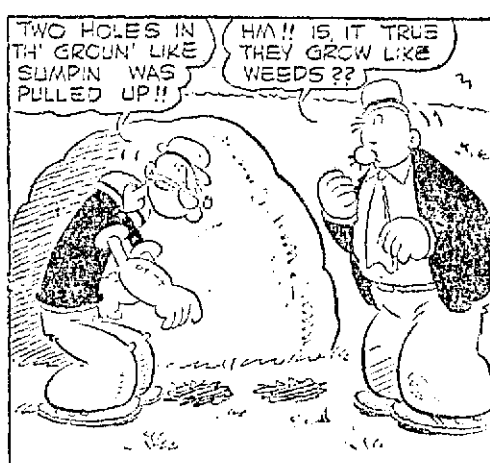
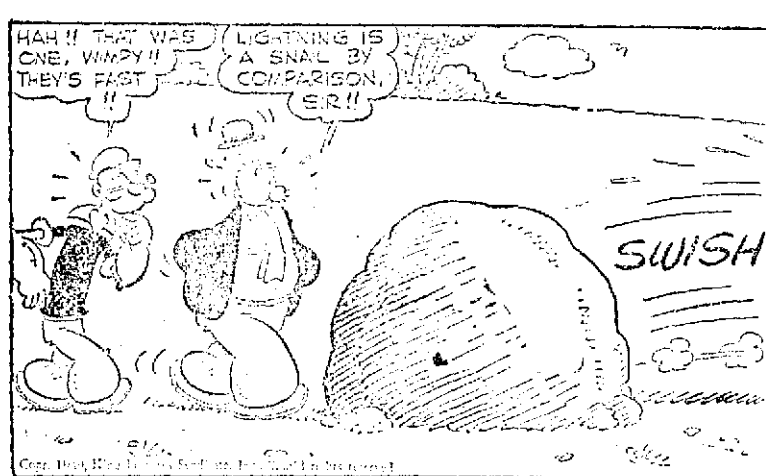


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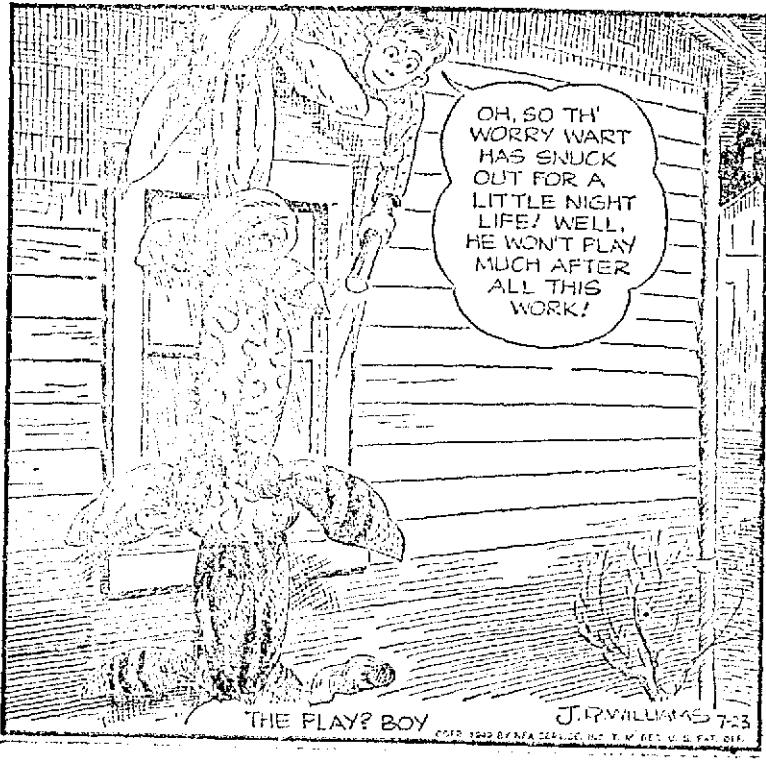


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## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople





